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Dear NHTSA, —

ABATE of Illinois has learned that in approximately six months NHTSA will reveal a study conducted on the visibility of motorcycles.

After observing your attempt to use the TREAD Act to place the burden of visibility on the rider, instead of on the negligent motorist, we urge you to shift your focus from riding apparel to motorist training.

We also ask that you strike all references to motorcycle rider apparel from

**Docket NHTSA 2001-8677, Notice 2. —**

Motorcycle riding apparel should not be included in the definition of off-vehicle equipment, nor should reports of defects be attributed to the apparel of the motorcyclists or passenger.

We also ask that you extend the comment period so that the voices of individual riders can be heard through both electronic and manual media.

Thank you

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